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SUBJ: PERI-URBAN AG REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

OECD COMM FOR AGR (64TH SESSION, 17-19 MAY 78)
DETERMINED THAT NATIONAL AUTHORITIES NEEDED TIME TO
CONSIDER CONTENT AND FORM OF PERI-URBAN AGRICULTURE
REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS (AGR(78)20) FORWARDED
TO COMMITTEE BY WP1 (AGPOL). WITCHER, IOA/USDA HAND-
CARRYING DOCUMENT AGR(78)20 AS PRESENTED TO COMMITTEE.
THIS IS FIRST TIME AN AG DIRECTORATE REPORT HAS
INCLUDED SPECIFIC SECTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS TO MEMBER
COUNTRIES. POINT WAS MADE BY AGDIRECTORATE
THAT (1) THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE CAREFULLY WORDED TO
BE GENERAL AND ARE NOT BINDING ON NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS
AND (2) OTHER DIRECTORATES IN OECD INCLUDE RECOMMENDA-
TIONS IN REPORTS AS A STANDARD PRACTICE.

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COMMENT ON BOTH CONTENT AND FORM OF RECOMMENDATIONS
TO THE AGDIRECTORATE WITHIN ONE MONTH. WRITTEN PRO-
CEDURE WILL ALSO BE USED FOR APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL
REPORT AS REVISED BASED UPON DISCUSSION AT WP1 MEETING
ON 8-10 MAY 78.

COMMENT. THE MAIN QUESTION HERE IS NOT THE CONTENT

OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS BUT WHETHER THEY SHOULD BE CALLED
RECOMMENDATIONS OR SOMETHING ELSE SUCH AS SUGGESTED
ACTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY MEMBER COUNTRIES. ITEM II
IN AGR(78)20 REQUESTING COUNTRIES TO REPORT TO OECD ON
PROGRESS MADE TOWARD SATISFYING RECOMMENDATIONS COULD BE
DIFFICULT, COSTLY, AND AN UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENCE TO
ESTABLISH. END COMMENT.
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